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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD

SUBJ: VOLUNTARY COOPERATION SYSTEM FOR U. S. GRAIN EXPORTS.

REF: TEHRAN 8800 AND PREVIOUS

1. USG INFORMING US EXPORTERS WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRIOR APPROVAL OF NEW ORDERS OF U.S. WHEAT FOR DELIVERY TO IRAN THAT WE ARE DISAPPROVING THESE REQUESTS. THESE REQUESTS NOW TOTAL 410,800 METRIC TONS, A FURTHER INCREASE SINCE 350,800 TONS REPORTED IN STATE 229826.
2. THIS DISAPPROVAL ACTION IS BASED ON FACT THAT ALL OF OUTSTANDING REQUESTS FOR PRIOR APPROVAL WERE RECEIVED AFTER OCTOBER 10, DATE ON WHICH GOI REPORTS IT HAD COMPLETED CONTRACTS ASSURING ADEQUATE WHEAT SUPPLIES FOR IRAN DURING 1974/75 SEASON. FURTHERMORE, OUR LATEST REVISED FIGURES NOW SHOW FIRM SALES OF 1,870,000 METRIC TONS OF U. S. WHEAT FOR IRAN FOR 1974/75 WHICH EITHER TOOK PLACE BEFORE OCTOBER 5 AND HENCE NOT SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL SYSTEM OR WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN PRIOR APPROVAL SINCE THAT DATE. -

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3. THUS, WE CONTINUE TO BE CONVINCED THAT IRAN'S NEEDS FOR

1974/75 SEASON HAVE NOW BEEN MET AND PLAN TO REJECT ANY
FURTHER REQUESTS FOR PRIOR APPROVAL. IF GOI (OR EMBASSY)
NOT FULLY CONVINCED THAT LAST GROUP OF ORDERS FOR 600,000
TONS WHEAT PLACED BY GOI INEARLY OCTOBER COMPLETELY

COVERED, DEPT SUGGESTS THAT IT SUBMIT COMPLETE LISTING
OF THOSE ORDERS WITH FIRMS AND AMOUNTS INVOLVED TO US,
AND WE PREPARED TO CROSS-CHECK THESE WITH INFORMATION WE
HAVE AVAILABLE HERE. THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE HANDLED
ON HIGHLY RESTRICTED AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. KISSINGER

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